

HEAVY FIRING
IN MOUNTAINS

Reported from the Different
Sectors of Northern
Italian Line

ITALIAN POSITION
IS GROWING BETTER

Northern Line Is Considered
as Strong as That on
the Piave

Italian Headquarters, Sunday, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Heavy fighting has occurred on the northern line in the last 24 hours in different sectors around Monte Pertica and on the Meletta range. Each of the opposing forces holds part of these positions.

The general condition along the entire Italian front has improved distinctly in the last week. The defensive positions on the northern line are now considered as secure as those along the Piave. This, with the gathering strength of the Italians and the allied forces, has relieved the gravity of the situation.

TREMENDOUS SLAUGHTER.

Germans Were Mowed Down in Human
Waves Before Masnières.

With the British Army in France, Dec. 3.—Nine separate counter attacks launched against Masnières by strong German forces Saturday were all repulsed after most sanguinary fighting. Although the British pulled the line back somewhat to lessen the sharp salient there, an intense battle raged all day and it is stated that the British killed more Germans between daylight and dark than in any similar period since the war began. It was virtually a continuous fight from the start of the first counter attack.

The enemy infantry kept surging forward in waves and as each came up it was caught by the fire from the artillery, rifles and machine guns. The attacking forces were mowed down like wheat before the wind, but with characteristic Prussian discipline they continued to fill their ranks and advance until after the ninth assault had failed.

During the afternoon the Germans succeeded in capturing Les Rues-Vertes, a suburb south of Masnières, but a British counter attack delivered at 5 o'clock pushed the enemy out again. German guns on elevations south and southeast of Masnières late yesterday were conducting a heavy bombardment against the town.

The British line at that time bulged around Masnières in a very sharp salient which made the position an unenviable one to hold at best. It seemed quite apparent that if the British should decide to withdraw slightly in the neighborhood of Masnières and establish their line on the southeastern outskirts of the place their front would be much improved, as the British line was entirely dominated by the high ground in the possession of the Germans.

The British Sunday morning made a local attack in moonlight on the German positions north and northeast of Passchendaele and about the same time a minor assault against the enemy front northwest of Goeburg.

The British were reported for the most part to have reached their objectives and to have penetrated from 300 to 400 yards at numerous points. The attack about Goeburg involved two strong German fortifications.

EXPERIENCED OFFICERS
PLACED IN CHARGE

Men Who Have Been at the Front Are
in Command of National Guard
Units Arrived in France.

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—A number of officers who were attached to the battalions to enter the trenches have been transferred to newly arrived units of former national guardsmen where they will direct the work of getting the new troops ready for the front line. Later men of the first unit to establish contact with the enemy also may be transferred temporarily to assist the officers.

Vance McCormick, a member of the American mission to the inter-allied conference, came out from Paris to-day to visit headquarters and see the troops. Later he left to inspect the French front. Colonel E. M. House and the other members of the mission are expected to visit the American zone during the week.

EXCHANGED TOOLS FOR RIFLES.

American Engineers Distinguished Themselves Before Cambrai.

With the British army in France, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—An interesting feature of the initial attack by the Germans Friday was that near Gouvaucourt a large force of American army engineers were trapped in the encircling movement. They took refuge in shell craters until the British pressed forward and then, joining the British ranks, fought side by side with the British and aided materially in repelling the enemy. Americans elsewhere took a busy hand in the fighting and were under hot German shell fire. Numbers of them volunteered for patrol work in the danger zone and all acquitted themselves finely.

A British general told the correspondent that he could not praise them too highly. It is reported that several Americans were captured but escaped after a few hours and rejoined the British.

The engineers were mainly from New York. Paris, Dec. 2.—The Havas correspondent at the British front, describing the formidable German attacks before Cambrai on Friday, in which he asserts 11, or perhaps 12, enemy divisions tried to encircle the British, only failing because of the vigor of the counter attacks, says: "The courageous conduct of a number

BRITISH REGAINING
LOST TERRITORY

British Headquarters, Dec. 3 (By Associated Press).—British troops last night recaptured a section of the trench on the high ground southwest of Bourlon on the Cambrai front, which was lost Friday. The town of Masnières, which was evacuated by the British, was shelled last night by British artillery. The Germans attacked positions at La Vaquerie, southwest of Cambrai, this morning, and an hour later it was reported they had been successfully beaten off.

A number of American soldiers attracted much attention. They were pioneers and specialists engaged in construction and working on field railroads. When the enemy appeared Friday morning they exchanged their shovels for rifles and cartridges and fought alongside the Tommies. Several fell gloriously with arms in their hands, facing the foe. No man who saw them at work but praises glowingly the coolness, discipline and courage of these improvised fighters."

GAVE UP MASNIERES.

British Evacuated Town Without Being
Molested.

London, Dec. 3.—British troops withdrew from Masnières, according to the official report from British headquarters, in France last night, "without molestation from the enemy." Prior to this heavy assaults by the Germans against the front were repulsed. The statement reads:

"A minor operation was undertaken early this morning by rifle, north county and home county battalions northeast of Ypres. Some fortified buildings and strong points on the main ridge north of Passchendaele were captured and a number of prisoners taken.

"On the Cambrai battlefield our troops were withdrawn under orders last night from the sharp salient formed by the village of Masnières without molestation from the enemy. This morning the enemy was still continuing to shell the evacuated village. Ten hostile attacks delivered on this front within the last 24 hours have been completely repulsed.

"Fighting occurred in and around Gonnelle village. Hostile attacks delivered during the afternoon and evening in the neighborhood of La Vaquerie and Bourvaux were broken up by our rifle and machine-gun fire or crushed by our artillery.

"Concentrations of hostile infantry in the vicinity of Mœuvres were successfully engaged by our artillery."

USED FORTY MILLIONS.

American Red Cross Has Allotted Nearly
Half of Fund.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Six months of effort to meet the most far-reaching appeals for relief in the history of the world made public last night by the war council of the American Red Cross. It is the council's first semi-annual report and it tells how more than \$40,000,000 of the hundred million dollar war fund contributed by the people has been allotted for expenditure at home and abroad.

Demands from Europe continue to increase, and on the recent basis of expenses, the council estimates that the war fund will not last much beyond spring. So far about \$88,000,000 in cash has been paid into the fund by the subscribers.

The great aims of the war council are set forth as follows:

(1) To be ready to care for our soldiers and sailors on duty whenever and wherever that care may be needed.

(2) To shorten the war by strengthening the morale of the allied peoples and their armies, by alleviating their sufferings in the period which must elapse until the American army can become fully effective abroad.

(3) To lay foundations for an enduring peace, by extending a message of practical relief and sympathy to the civilian population among our allies, carrying to them an expression of the finest side of the American character."

INVITES PEACE TALK.

Austrian Newspaper Calls on England to
Take Up Discussion.

Amsterdam, Dec. 3.—The Vienna Neue Freie Presse invites England to consider whether it is not possible to open peace negotiations. It considers that such an invitation should properly come from Austria, because the discussion between England and Germany dating from the death of Queen Victoria do not directly affect Austria.

The paper argues that a war of destruction has already been rejected by Lansdowne and probably by Asquith and that it becomes impossible on the day Russia and Germany agree upon peace.

U. S. SOLDIER KILLED.

In Engagement of Government Troops
Against Cattle Bandits.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 3.—A report reaching here last night from La Feria in Cameron county, says that in a battle between cattle bandits and American soldiers there Friday, one soldier was killed, one wounded and a Mexican river guard in the employment of the United States also wounded. A number of bandits are reported to have been killed.

IN MEMORY OF SON

Homer C. Wilson Endows Bed in Kure
Hattin Homes.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 3.—Homer C. Wilson of Lyndonville has endowed a bed in Kure Hattin homes in memory of his son, Robert, who graduated from New York university in 1914 and was accidentally killed soon after.

DRY NATION IN TWO YEARS

Is the Prediction Made By William Jennings Bryan.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Ratification by the states of a prohibition amendment to the federal constitution within two years was predicted last night by William Jennings Bryan, speaking before the opening session of the annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union.

CLAIMS RULE
OF RUSSIA

Provisional Government,
Thrown Out of Power
Last Month, Reappears

DECLARES SELF ONLY
LEGAL AUTHORITY

Manifesto Urges People Not
to Obey Bolshevik
Manifesto

London, Dec. 3.—The Russian provisional government, thrown out of power last month by the Bolsheviks, reappeared on the scene yesterday, according to special dispatches from Petrograd, and issued a manifesto claiming to be the only legal authority in Russia and urging the people not to obey the decrees of the Bolsheviks. It advises that the assembly elected during the past few days be convened.

GREAT REVIEW
WAS ABANDONED

Frozen Condition of the Roads at Camp
Devens Was the Cause of Change
of Plans To-day.

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 3.—The general review of the 76th division of the national army planned for to-day was cancelled because of the frozen condition of the roads at Camp Devens. Assistant Secretary of War Benedict Crowell, Major General John L. Chamberlain, inspector general, and the division staff watched the maneuvers of one battalion of 300 infantry and a bayonet drill by a company of the 302d infantry. Other units were lined up before the barracks for inspection, as the party toured the cantonment in automobiles.

A "QUIET" LYNCHING.

Negro Is Said to Have Confessed to a
Crime.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 3.—A dispatch from Dyersburg, Tenn., last night says that Logan Scott, a negro who is alleged to have attacked a white woman in Dyer county Nov. 22, was burned at the stake near the public square there yesterday shortly after noon.

The negro was arrested in Jackson, Tenn., late Saturday and was being taken to Dyersburg in an automobile by the sheriff and his deputies when a mob met the officers and relieved them of their prisoner. The entire county soon knew of the capture and thousands flocked to town.

Scott is said to have confessed his guilt. He was taken to a vacant lot near the public square and tied to an iron stake driven in the ground. A bonfire then was lighted. The crowd carried out the execution quietly.

STRIKE CALLED OFF.

Fall River Operatives Accept Offered
Raise Pending Arbitration.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 3.—A threatened strike of the 35,000 operatives in the 110 cotton mills of this city scheduled to begin to-day was called off last night. Members of the five textile unions voted to accept the proposition of the cotton manufacturers' association for a 12 1/2 per cent increase in wages, work to continue without interruption while a federal arbitrator investigates the workers' demand for a fifteen per cent advance.

ESTATE REOPENED

To Permit the Presentation of a Note Be-
fore Probate Court.

In probate court to-day a hearing was held on the petition of the Montpelier National bank for the reopening of the estate of George A. Hollister, late of Marshfield, in order that a note might be presented. The petition was granted.

Emiline B. Ray settled her accounts as administratrix of the estate of Albert Ray, late of Northfield.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Dean Rollins of Windsor visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rollins, over Thanksgiving and returned to Windsor to-day.

Eugene Maker returned this morning to Burlington, where he is in the freshman class in the pre-medical course at the University of Vermont. He spent the Thanksgiving recess at his home on Upland avenue.

Natal Fontana and Fred Brassau, who have been employed in Greenfield, Mass., for several months, returned to the city Saturday to remain until after the holidays, when they expect to begin work in the plant of the Fore River Shipbuilding Co. in Quincy, Mass.

An official inspection of the boiler at the plant of the Harrison Granite Co. was made yesterday, following repairs for several months, returned to the city Saturday. To-day operations were resumed at the plant and in the stone-shed of Comoli & Co., which receives compressed air from its neighboring manufacturing.

John Riley, who is a sailor on board the U. S. submarine G-3, returned last evening to New London, Conn., after spending a short leave of absence at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Riley of East street. As a member of the G-3 crew, Sailor Riley has enjoyed the experience of submerging in one of Uncle Sam's undersea fighters.

The Barre branch of the American Red Cross has shipped the following articles as the result of its efforts in November: 125 sweaters, 22 helmets, 34 pairs of service socks, 1 pair of hospital socks, 18 convalescent robes, 29 suits of pajamas, 19 surgical shirts, 45 pairs of wristlets, 1 pair of woolen mitts, 3 scarfs, 8 tray cloths, 25 napkins, 5 Christmas bags, 3 handkerchiefs, 192 unbuttoned handkerchiefs, 64 knitted socks, 22 wash cloths, 12 nurses' mitts, 11 eye bandages, 2 long bandages. Work continues on a large scale and there remains an opportunity for many more women to assist in the Red Cross work.

PREFERRED CLASSES FOR COAL.

Government First, Railways Second and
Homes Third.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—The government's first move toward curtailing war was made yesterday when the fuel administration sent to coal producers a preferential list of consumers to serve as a guide in filling orders. The list establishes preferential shipment for government orders, railway fuel, household requirements, public utilities, steel plants, coke ovens and munitions plants.

Although no direct order was issued requiring operators to give the list preference, a definite request was made and fuel administration officials believe it will be followed. The priority is asked for a period of 30 days.

"The requests are designed," said Fuel Administrator Garfield last night, "to insure fulfillment of the requirements of those coal users whose activities are essential to the military and economy efficiency of the nation in the conduct of the war."

To obtain coal for emergency requirements operators were asked to notify the fuel administration immediately of the amounts of their free tonnage. This coal will be used to supply communities that run short unexpectedly.

Each coal producer has a quota of 50,000,000 tons for the country the fuel administration determined that a radical step was necessary if essential industries and public utilities were to be kept running. It turned down suggestions that a list of non-essential industries be prepared to which coal should be distributed and established instead the preferential list of consumers which it is considered certain will suffer.

HELD MANY OFFICES.

Dr. Charles W. Howard of Shoreham
Died at Age of 71.

Middlebury, Dec. 3.—Dr. Charles William Howard died at his home in Shoreham at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon of a complication of troubles. He was 71 years of age and is survived by a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Sarah Witherall. The funeral will be held at his late home Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Dr. Howard was born in Windham Dec. 4, 1846, and was the son of William and Sarah (Page) Howard. He received his early education in that town and prepared for college at Chester academy. He entered Middlebury college in 1868, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1872. He finished his education at the medical department of the University of Vermont, graduating in 1874, after which he studied medicine in the office of Dr. M. H. Eddy for a year.

From 1883 to 1887 he was superintendent of schools and for three years was a member of the county board of education. He had been town clerk from 1881 to 1887. Dr. Howard was a charter member of the Middlebury County Medical society and a past president of the same, and was vice-president of the State Medical society.

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CALLED TO RUTLAND.

Rev. Robert M. Kellerman Asked to Be-
come Pastor.

Rutland, Dec. 3.—The trustees of the Unitarian church have extended a call to Rev. Robert M. Kellerman to become pastor Jan. 1, 1918, and it is expected he will accept the call.

Mr. Kellerman is the son of Rev. Robert Scott Kellerman, a Unitarian minister for many years, now pastor at Gibston, Pa. The son's theological training was begun under the direction of his father and continued at St. Lawrence university at Canton, N. Y. He was ordained in 1915 and after a year's work at Macedon, N. Y., was compelled to close his pastorate on account of ill health.

After a brief rest he took up work at Waterville, Me., a mission point, before regaining his strength, expecting that it would be only a temporary pastorate. Under his direction the parish increased so remarkably that he remained there, gaining an enviable reputation as an organizer and for his work among the students at Colby college and the young people of the town. He is married but has no children.

GRANTED THREE MONTHS' LEAVE.

Rev. Frank A. Stockwell to Work at
Camp Devens.

Morrisville, Dec. 3.—At a meeting of the Unitarian parish yesterday it was voted to grant Rev. Frank A. Stockwell three months' leave of absence, beginning Dec. 10, in order that he may take up work for the Young Men's Christian association at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass. The pulpit will be supplied under the direction of State Superintendent George P. Fortier of St. Albans.

It is expected Mr. Stockwell will be assigned to the position of editor of Trench and Camp, a weekly paper to be published in the interest of the soldiers.

STOWE HOTEL SOLD.

C. L. McMahon Disposes of It to Mrs.
W. E. Burt.

Stowe, Dec. 3.—C. L. McMahon has sold the Green Mountain inn to Mrs. W. E. Burt of Burlington. A. A. Hunter of Burlington will take possession of the inn the first of the week. He intends to make the hotel a home for the winter in a large business here. He will remodel the building and make many improvements. Mr. McMahon purchased the inn of M. C. Lovejoy in September, 1916. F. S. Boardman carried it on for a year and Harold C. McMahon has been landlord since Oct. 1.

BODY TAKEN TO WILLIAMSTOWN.

Charles H. Beckett Died in New York
City Last Week.

The body of Judge Charles H. Beckett, ex-surrogate of New York county, whose death occurred at his home in New York Thursday after an illness of three months, arrived in the city over the Central Vermont railroad this forenoon at 9:40 o'clock, accompanied by Mrs. Beckett.

The remains were taken to Williamstown, where Judge Beckett was born 58 years ago. Funeral services were held in the family lot in the village cemetery at Williamstown.

BEAT UP GUARD
AND FLED JAIL

Thirteen Convicts at Joliet,
Ill., Penitentiary Escaped
This Morning

SHOTS WERE FIRED
AT FLEEING MEN

Warden Declares Somebody
About the Prison Must
Have Helped Them

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 3.—Thirteen convicts escaped from the state penitentiary early to-day, breaking through steel doors and beating two guards into unconsciousness. The guards on the penitentiary wall fired many shots at the fleeing convicts, but owing to the darkness it is not believed that any were hit.

The thirteen men, three of whom were prisoners, were in solitary confinement for having caused disturbances last week in cell houses. Warden Murphy said the men could not have escaped without the assistance of somebody about the prison.

TO GLADDEN THE SOLDIERS

Marrion, the Tobacco Man, Sends Don-
ation of 216 Packages.

Tobacco for the fighting men of Barre who are in the U. S. army and navy, as well as those who have enlisted in the Canadian army, was on its way from Marrion's corner tobacco shop to battle-ships, cantonment, trench and camp to-day. It was a busy forenoon for the proprietor, George M. Marrion, and his assistants, for in the final rush a number of names hitherto reserved were hurried to the store, a circumstance which necessitated extra work in the hour of shipping. However, the tobacco parcels, which include smoking tobacco, briar pipes, cigarettes, papers and cleaners, got off in jig time and not many days hence the jacks and Sammies will be thanking their lucky stars that Home Town for them holds a loyal citizen whose generosity finds expression in such a tangible way.

Postage alone cost the proprietor of the corner store \$21.92, and over and above that item is the cost of smoking material consigned to 216 soldiers and sailors, every man of whom claims Barre or Barre Town for his home. Statistics tell something of the story of the Marrion tobacco donation. All packages are of uniform size and so securely were they bound that nearly a half-mile of sleep twine was used in preparing the parcels for transit. Postage of 12 cents was required for a majority of the packages, and it may be readily surmised that the tobacco aroma from said 12-cent parcels will spend its fragrance on the balmy air of France. Other parcels, destined to camps and ships nearer Barre bore postage of six, eight and ten cents.

Each package contained two packages of cigarettes, two tins of smoking tobacco, a bale of pipe cleaners, a book of cigarette papers and a briar pipe. In other words the total consignment consisted of 8,640 cigarettes, 648 ounces of smoking tobacco, 5,184 pipe cleaners and 26,900 cigarette papers. Maybe soldiers and sailors of other towns will fare as well. And maybe they won't.

All that friends or relatives of a fighting man who hail from Barre had to do was to leave a note at Marrion's door. The tobaccoist did the rest. In consequence of a spontaneous response, 216 names were received at the store and carefully tabulated. Attached at the postoffice co-operated with the folks at the tobacco shop in the matter of weighing the boxes and reckoning the postage, and to-day, when the time for shipment came, the big consignment started on the journey without a hitch. Previously the tobacco packages figured in a unique window display at the corner store.

HAS BEEN IN TRENCHES.

Serg. Anselmo Rossi of Barre Was One of
the Drafted Men.

Good news is received from Serg. Anselmo Rossi, a Barre boy who figured in the first increment of the Washington county draft. As a private, Mr. Rossi was assigned to Camp Devens, but his former experience as a soldier in the Italian army marked him as a fighting man with a good knowledge of the military. His letter indicates that he did not linger long at Ayer. He was advanced to the rank of sergeant, which he held in the Italian army, and after a brief stay at Ayer, he was ordered to a point of embarkation. He writes friends here from France and states that he has been in the trenches already, the missile being written while he was in a rest camp, after a turn at trench duty. He assures his acquaintances here that he is in excellent health and that the life is enjoyable.

TRANSFER GRANTED.

When No Objection Was Made to Saloon
at 367 North Main Street.

No objections were entered this forenoon when the Washington county liquor license commissioners met in the council chamber at city hall for a hearing in the matter of Paola Lucchina. Chairman W. H. Ward presided and E. B. House and R. Lucchina, the other members of the board, were present, but no one appeared to protest the transfer of P. Lucchina's seventh class license to 367 North Main street. After the hour set for the hearing, the commissioners retired to executive session and later announced that the transfer had been granted.

Since he entered the bottle business May 1, Mr. Lucchina has conducted an establishment in the Aquas Para building at 60 Granite street. His new location is in the Smith block at the corner of Maple avenue and North Main street, where the doors will swing open to the public to-morrow morning.

Prof. Edwin Smith of the high school faculty has returned from White River Junction, where he has been spending the past week at his home, having been called there by the death of his father.

VETERAN DIED SUDDENLY.

Henry B. Smith of Burlington Was Long
in Livery Business.

Burlington, Dec. 3.—Henry B. Smith, well known in this section as a liveryman, died suddenly at his office Saturday night. He was 72 years old. He served in the Civil war, enlisting at the age of 17. He established his livery business in 1865 on Mechanics street, where it has remained in his personal charge for the 52 years ensuing.

TRIBUTE TO MEN IN SERVICE.

Hedding Church Epworth League Dedic-
ated Service Flag of 14 Stars.

Tribute in a fitting manner was paid to the memory of 14 young men of the Hedding Methodist church, who have enlisted in some branch of service since the outbreak of war last spring, last evening at the Epworth league service, when the league dedicated a large service flag containing 14 stars representing that number of young men. A large number of relatives and friends of the young men were present at the service, which was in charge of Miss Doris Eastman, while an excellent program of musical selections and readings tended to bring into prominence the spirit of the occasion.

The service opened with the singing of "America," and appropriate readings by Misses Hazel Lyon and Marion Anker and by Leon Cummings and Edward Glyson and a mandolin solo, "Joan of Arc," by Dean Davis followed, while a quartet consisting of Theron Morse, Dean Davis, Hildreth Martin and Professor Morse of the high school faculty contributed a selection to the evening's entertainment.

Two of the young men, who are at present visiting for a few days at their respective homes in France, were present at the service. Second Lieutenant Neale W. Hooker, who is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hooker of Park street, gave an interesting talk on the statistics of the second Plattsburg officers' training camp, where he recently received his commission, while Dr. Homer Sowles of Boston, who is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sowles of Beckley street, gave a short talk on the work of the dental corps, of which he is a member.

The task of placing the stars on the service flag was appropriately given to some member of the family, of whom the young men now in service are members, the honor roll of young men being as follows:

Capt. Maxwell Barber, who is at present stationed with the Vermont troops in North Carolina.

Second Lieut. Neale Hooker, who is at present visiting at his home on Park street.

Serg. Lauraine Densmore, who is stationed with the Vermont troops in North Carolina.

Serg. Mike Cerasoli, who is serving with the American expeditionary forces "somewhere in France."

Guy Andrews, who is in the medical department and also acting corporal of the first regiment of engineers serving in France.

Justin Barber, a first-class private and also a member of the hospital corps.

Paul Lawrence, who is a member of the United States infantry serving in England, as is also a member of the field artillery, stationed at Camp Devens.

Norton Lebourveau, who is a first-class yeoman and first-class gun-painter at the United States navy yard, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Andrew Blackmore, who is training at the naval station at Newport, R. I.

Neal Blanchard, who is serving in the U. S. navy.

Wilton Smith, a member of the regiment stationed at present in Camp Greene, N. C.

Vernon Wells, who is at present stationed in Florida.

Two other young men who were formerly affiliated with the Methodist church are in some branch of service, they being Archie Goodrich, who is a member of the 1st Vermont regimental band, and Howard Camp, who is a second lieutenant in the United States army.

After the placing of the stars representing the young men in service, Rev. B. G. Lipsky offered prayer, while the service was closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

CARLOAD OF SUGAR CAME

But Most of It Went Right Out of Town
Again.

A carload of sugar which arrived in Barre Saturday was on the move again to-day and most of it moved out of town so far as consumers here were concerned. The sugar was consigned to H. P. Prindle, a Burlington merchant, who elected to distribute the bulk of it among merchants in other towns. To-day teamsters were busy conveying bags of the sugar from the siding in Prospect street to Depot square, whence they were consigned to Randolph, Northfield, Montpelier and Burlington. It is stated that a small part of the consignment was diverted to local dealers, a candy manufacturer being among the fortunate ones. Saturday a local merchant who endeavored to obtain a small supply from Mr. Prindle was informed that there were 118 barrels in the car and that 123 barrels had been promised to customers.

Merchants here were of the opinion that the diversion of sugar consignments by carloads would go a long way toward solving the sugar shortage. For example, it was argued that a carload left in Barre would probably supply a great many for some time to come, and disposition of the next cargo in another town would have a similar effect. The favored few have been able to dole out some sugar in the past few weeks are not at all impressed with the procedure they have followed. Time and time again it has been discovered that one purchaser was securing a good many two-pound packages through the medium of small boys who were given a premium of one cent on every package purchased. Distribution on a larger scale, with an eye single to the customers who would "corner" the supply, it is argued, might solve the problem of keeping everybody sweet.

ALBERT VILLA FINED

And Then Part of It and Sentence Was
Suspended.

An end to the Websterville liquor cases was reached in municipal court to-day, when a plea of guilty was received from Albert Villa, who had been charged with a violation on a complaint made to Grand Juror A. C. Dickey. Magistrate H. W. Scott imposed a fine of \$500 and costs and a sentence of from five to ten months in the house of correction at Rutland. Payment of part of the fine was suspended, as was the house of correction sentence, the respondent being placed on probation. Villa's counsel was Atty. J. Ward Carver and it was represented that the respondent had recently emerged from a surgical operation and that a wife and children are dependent upon him for their support.

Villa's arraignment was probably the last chapter in a wholesale raid made in Websterville around two weeks ago. Two men whom the sheriff's department attempted to arrest are said to have escaped. Two have been convicted and four cases have been not grossed.